

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-3, 9, and 11 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Salgado (U.S. Patent No. 5,872,569). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Specifically, Applicants assert that Salgado fails to disclose a linking information making device including at least linking information that links respective services and is used by a service processing device having a function for starting a linking process that includes execution of the respective services, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 2-3, 9, and 11.

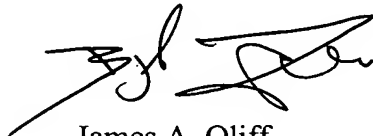
Salgado merely discloses a job ticket programming system that includes a server for storing capabilities and attributes of devices connected through a network. Salgado, however, fails to disclose the above feature recited in claims 1-3, 9, and 11.

In accordance with the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1-3, 9, and 11 define patentable subject matter. Claims 4-8 and 12-13 depend from claims 1 and 11 respectively, and therefore, also define patentable subject matter. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §103(a) rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-9 and 11-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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